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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Dear Madam:

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 20, 2002 in connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully submit this Response and Amendment. Please amend the claims of the subject application as indicated herein. A Petition for a three months extension of time is filed concurrently herewith.

Applicants believe that no additional fees or extensions of time are required in association with this submission. However, if any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account Number 06-1448, Reference HMV-038.02.

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